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# Economic and Community Development Committee Minutes April 22 – 9:00am Dupage County Conference Room

**Members Present:** Chris Aiston, Consuella Brown, Grant Davis, John Grueling, Robin Kelly, Judith Kossy, Cindy McSherry, Mike Scholefield, David Young

**Members Absent:** Andre Ashmore, George Billows, Joe Balasa, Gideon Blustein, Tracey Bosman, Bill Browne, Lori Clark, Robert Gleeson, Sean McCarthy, Harry Pestine, Charles Perkins, Angie Powell, Kim Uhlig

**Staff Present:** Randy Blankenhorn, Andrew-Williams Clark, Bola Delano, Roseanne O'Laughlin, Russell Pietrowiak, Brian Rademacher, Bradley Wolf

#### 1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

#### 2.0 Welcome and Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

#### 3.0 Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Consuella Brown and seconded by Robin Kelly.

#### 4.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No agenda changes were made.

#### 5.0 Staff Report

#### **Event:**

A panel discussion on Public Private Partnerships will be held Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the ComEd Commercial Center. It will focus on the legal aspects of Public Private Partnerships and offer practical advice on how to develop partnerships and recommend ways to engage the public and private sector in building active participation. For further information please contact Brian Rademacher or Paul Reise.

#### Report

Brian Rademacher gave a brief report on Development Incentives event held .Over 100 delegates were in attendance and the panelists presented a number of case study scenarios within the region, demonstrating how different incentives have been used to attract, retain, implement and support different forms of development.

## 6.0 GO TO 2040 Update

#### 6.1 Snapshot on Aging

Russell Pietrowiak presented CMAP's efforts to understand the current situation of the region's senior citizens so to be better prepared to meet future challenges associated with an increasing number of seniors. Using a compilation of Census Data, local, regional, and national reports and studies, CMAP examined senior (65+) demographics and the interrelationships between seniors and a variety of issues such as; transportation, land-use, social and economic issues, and housing.

Judith Kossy commended the presentation as very thorough. Consuella Brown noted the challenge in helping communities meet the needs of an aging population. Russell responded that it is anticipated that the research will result in the creation of partnerships and a set of best practices for communities and their planning processes. Christ Aiston said the research points to potential policy issues including mobility as it relates to sidewalks and parking; subsidized housing for the elderly and zoning requirements for more senior living. Michael Scholefield asked if their findings in the research unique to the northeastern Illinois region and if Transit Oriented Development is a solution for many of the issues raised. Russell answered that the region has a statistically high number of veterans. In terms of the Transit Oriented Development, he said it is not typically a high priority issue for seniors. John Grueling concluded the conversation by commenting that the issue on aging links back to economic competitiveness and it is important to examine what jobs seniors and soon to be seniors currently hold and understand who accesses current jobs and forecast how the job market will change in forty years.

#### 6.2 Regional Indicators Development

Andrew Williams Clark reviewed the Regional Indicator Process as a component of the scenario evaluation process for the GO TO 2040 Regional Plan. He reiterated the goal of the working committees to be to identify specific indicators that are tied to statements or concepts in the regional vision and he explained how CMAP will use the information to for the GO TO 2040 Plan. Mr. Clark presented a spreadsheet that showed how each of the indicators proposed by the committee at previous meetings fits into the GoTo 2040 vision themes. The committee was asked to review the spreadsheet and provide clarification on some of the indicators with a question mark.

John Grueling asked if the theme of redevelopment was under the purview of the committee. Andrew Williams Clark confirmed that it did fall within the committee's purview. In the interest of time John Grueling recommended the discussion be tabled until the meeting in May. The committee concurred.

#### 7.0 Public Comment

No Public Comment.

### 8.0 Adjournment

The meeting ended at 10:30am

The next meeting of the Economic and Community Development working committee will be held on Tuesday May 27, 2008 at 9:00am in the CMAP offices.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Rademacher Staff Liaison

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